

RESOLUTION NO. CR-27-07

A RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE HOUSE BILL 154 TO ABOLISH MAYOR'S COURTS WITHIN THE STATE OF OHIO

WHEREAS, Mayor's Courts provide for citizens convenience by allowing for the hearing and determining of misdemeanor cases arising under the City Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, individual City Charters are allowed under Home Rule; and

WHEREAS, the Grove City Charter allows for a Mayor's Court; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of Mayor's Courts would further divert City Police personnel to courts outside the jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grove City provides an independent Magistrate to hear and determine cases; and

WHEREAS, a defendant is eligible to transfer a case to Municipal Court without prejudice; and

WHEREAS, Mayor's Courts allow for local adjudication and sentencing; and

WHEREAS, the consolidating of local misdemeanor cases to Municipal Courts will incrementally increase overall costs for all Citizens of Ohio associated with the handling of misdemeanor cases; and

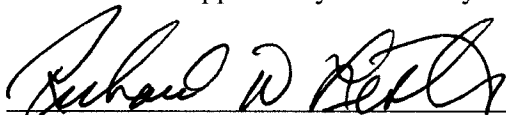
WHEREAS, the fines collected through the operation of a Mayor's Court do not cover the overall cost of the Department.

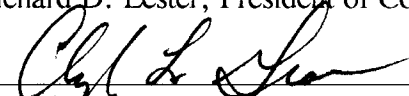
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROVE CITY, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

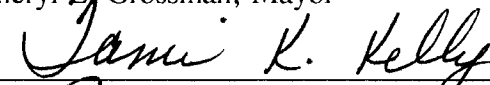
SECTION 1. This Council hereby opposes the adoption of House Bill 154 to abolish Mayor's Courts for Municipalities within the State of Ohio and urges the House of Representatives to vote No.

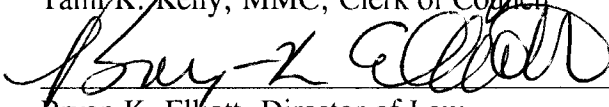
SECTION 2. The Clerk of Council is hereby directed to send a copy of this resolution to Representative Wolpert and Senator Stivers.

SECTION 2. This resolution shall take effect at the earliest opportunity allowed by law.


Richard D. Lester, President of Council


Cheryl L. Grossman, Mayor


Tami K. Kelly, MMC, Clerk of Council


Bryan K. Elliott, Director of Law

Passed: 06-04-07
Effective: 06-04-07

Attest:

I, _____, certify that this resolution
is correct as to form.